

**MAPLE GROVE
ARBOR COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2012
MAPLE GROVE GOVERNMENT CENTER
7:00 PM**

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chairperson Mary Parenteau at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present Julie Gamber, Teresa Maas, Ann Nemitz, Mary Parenteau and Terri Polski

Members Absent John Bender, Michelle Burks, Marie Digatono, Joe Hogeboom, Ed Reichow and Matthew Viscasillas

Also Present Staff Representative Frank Kampel

Chairperson Parenteau indicated that there is no quorum, whereupon Ann Nemitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Terri Polski and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Meeting Reconvene Joe Hogeboom arrived at the meeting at 7:03 p.m. whereupon Mary Parenteau reconvened the meeting.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes Mary Parenteau asked if there were any additions or revisions to the agenda. Hearing none, Julie Gamber made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ann Nemitz and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mary Parenteau asked if there were any revisions to the February 9, 2012 minutes. Hearing none, Joe Hogeboom made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Julie Gamber and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Old Business

2012 Arbor Day Planning Frank Kampel gave an update on some previously discussed activities proposed for this year's Arbor Day event. He mentioned that the DNR has an Emerald Ash Borer costume and that two students so far have volunteered to wear the Emerald Ash Borer and the

Smokey the Bear costume.

Frank Kampel stated that Terrie Maas had dropped off some literature on the Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo and has secured their attendance at the event. He mentioned that the only time they had available was the noon to 1:00 p.m. time slot.

It was mentioned that tonight there was a story on the news about a boa constrictor snake owned by Justin Bieber that is now in the possession of the Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo. Frank Kampel mentioned that he will check to see if that snake can be brought to the event and if so, to advertise that to attract more people. It was also mentioned that the noon to 1:00 time for their presentation will work.

Frank Kampel reviewed the proposed tree planting demonstration, mentioning that a tree on the south side of the ice arena needs to be replaced and that would be a good candidate for the location for this demonstration. He mentioned that the previously discussed use of a redbud tree, based on a review by Parks Department staff, would not work in the garden area due to it needing a more protected site.

Terri Polski mentioned that she will check into the use of some sort of audio system to announce activities.

It was mentioned that it may be beneficial to have two boards that list the event activities and times, one near the entrance of the Community Center and one where it is usually located, at the entrance to the area where all of the activities are held. It was also mentioned to have signs directing people to the tree planting demonstration.

The issue of advertising for the event was discussed. It was suggested that the event be advertised in the Patch. Joe Hogeboom stated he would contact a representative of the Patch. He also mentioned that Maple Grove Magazine has a web site.

Discussion also took place on preparing the flyer to elementary schools, advertising in senior buildings

including contacting the Senior Program Coordinator Kris Orluck to place something in the monthly newsletter.

Terri Polski presented a "Wanted" poster for invasive species that could be used later in the year for the City's buckthorn event. Joe Hogeboom suggested having a picture taken of the Emerald Ash Borer costume for use on the "Wanted" poster.

Julie Gamber suggested reserving the Emerald Ash Borer costume for the parade.

Discussion followed on the passbook activity. Ann Nemitz mentioned there should be a little more structure. It was mentioned that when the booklets are turned in, the person collecting the passbooks could turn to a page and ask a question of the entrant. Ann Nemitz suggested asking them what they learned. Julie Gamber suggested the Committee come up with a list of questions for the passbook. Frank Kampel suggested having new questions but still related to the various stations people will be visiting. Julie Gamber suggested having a question on amphibians.

Julie Gamber suggested having a brainstorm session at the next meeting on questions for the passbook. Frank Kampel mentioned he would place this on the next agenda.

Educational Initiatives

Joe Hogeboom distributed the letter he drafted along with a list of questions relating to correspondence to residents of new homes on arbor related items. Frank Kampel mentioned he has obtained a list of addresses of new homes constructed and for which certificates of occupancy have been issued for all of 2011 and so far in 2012.

Mary Parenteau suggested sending the letter out after the resident has moved in. It was mentioned that the letter could be sent out along with the entire suggested tree list or the letter with, on the back, a condensed list with select trees along with something in the letter that the entire list can be found on the web site.

It was suggested having two mailings a year, one in March and another in August.

The Committee thanked Joe Hogeboom for his work on the letter.

New Business

Ethics and Open
Meeting Law Training
Reminder

Frank Kampel reminded the Committee members of the Ethics and Open Meeting Law Training to be held on Monday, April 2nd from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center of the Government Center.

Area Reports

One area report from Terrie Maas was submitted.

Adjournment

Joe Hogeboom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ann Nemitz and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Kampel
Staff Representative